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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, JAMIESON, 6 MAY 1977; 9:45;
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PARTICIPANTS

U.S.	CANADIAN
THE SECRETARY	SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
UNDER SECRETARY COOPER	EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JAMIESON
ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN	MR. JAMES NUTT, DIRECTOR
ASST SECRETARY CARTER	GENERAL FOR WESTERN HEMIS- PHERE AFFAIRS
MR. DEREK BURNETT	
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	
MR. A LEVER, OFFICER OF THE SECRETARY	

MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS

1. JAMIESON SAID THAT THE MOST IMMEDIATE BILATERAL ISSUE
WAS THAT OF BOUNDARIES AND FISHERIES. HE UNDERSTOOD IT
WOULD TAKE THE U.S. A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO PREPARE FOR THE
NEGOTIATIONS, AND SAID THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD BE READY
WHENEVER THE U.S. WAS. HARTMAN REPLIED THAT THE U.S.

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HOPED TO BE READY BY THE END OF MAY.

2. JAMIESON EXPLAINED THE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY NOTING
THAT AS THE U.S. STATES INVOLVED THEMSELVES IN THESE
ISSUES, SO THE CANADIAN PROVINCES MOVED TO DO SO. THE
SECRETARY PROMISED TO SEE THAT U.S. PREPARATIONS WERE
COMPLETED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. JAMIESON SAID THIS

WOULD BE USEFUL, AS THE CANADIAN LAWYERS WERE ALREADY EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF REFERRING THE ISSUE TO A THIRD PARTY. HE, HOWEVER, THOUGHT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CANADA. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO MOVE THINGS ALONG AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE ASKED HARTMAN TO HAVE A REPORT PREPARED FOR HIM ON THE SUBJECT, READY ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

GAS PIPELINE

1. JAMIESON SAID THAT BASIL ROBINSON, HIS UNDER SECRETARY HAD BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE CANADIAN COORDINATOR ON THIS ISSUE, AND THAT A CABINET COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED. HE SAID THAT A REPORT WOULD BE COMING OUT THE FOLLOWING WEEK WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE CRITICAL OF THE MCKENZIE VALLEY ROUTE. THIS WILL PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE IT'S POSITION. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REPLY THAT DECISION MUST AWAIT THE NATIONAL ENERGY REPORT DUE IN MID JULY.

2. CONCERNING THE ALTERNATE, ALCAN, ROUTE, HE SAID THERE WAS THE BEGINNING OF CRITICISM THAT THERE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR FULL EVALUATION. TWO INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT, INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATIVE CLAIMS ISSUES, ON WHICH REPORTS WERE DUE BY AUGUST.

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3. JAMIESON CONTINUED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED INFORMING THE U.S. THAT A DECISION ON ROUTES WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING BY SEPTEMBER, BUT DECIDED TO WORK TOWARDS THAT DATE, KEEPING THE USG INFORMED OF THEIR PROGRESS, IN ORDER THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD, IF HE FELT IT NECESSARY, EXERCISE HIS 90 DAY OPTION ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE REPORT ON THE ALCAN ROUTE WILL BE LESS NEGATIVE THAN THAT ON THE MCKENZIE VALLEY. AN ISSUE WAS WHETHER TO PUT A LINK BETWEEN THE ALCAN ROUTE AND THE MCKENZIE VALLEY, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GAS FOR CANADA. THIS MIGHT HELP THE PROJECT POLITICALLY IN CANADA.

5. UNDERSECRETARY COOPER ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THE CANADIANS WERE LEANING TOWARDS THE ALCAN ROUTE. JAMIESON REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD REVIEW ALL THE POSSIBILITIES WITH AN OPEN MIND.

6. HARTMAN ASKED WHETHER JAMIESON HAD SEEN THE FEDERAL
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POWER COMMISSION REPORT. JAMIESON SAID HE HAD, AND THAT IT WAS HELPFUL IN SO FAR AS IT MEANT THAT THE CANADIANS WERE NOT WORKING AGAINST A STATED US PREFERENCE.

NON PROLIFERATION

1. JAMIESON SAID THE SECRETARY WAS PROBABLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM CANADA HAD WITH JAPAN AND THE EUROPEANS OVER THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NEED FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S., SINCE THE CANADIAN APPROACH MIGHT NOT BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. APPROACH ON REPROCESSING, WHICH CANADA SUPPORTED. IF THE CANADIANS REFUSED TO SUPPLY URANIUM, THIS MIGHT PROMOTE REPROCESSING. HE SUGGESTED U.S.-CANADIAN CONSULTATIONS AT A POLITICAL LEVEL.

2. THE SECRETARY AGREED ON THE UTILITY OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS. HE NOTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD, SHORTLY BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON, APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF FUEL, MOSTLY HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM, TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN STATES.

3. JAMIESON SAID THAT THE CANADIAN POSITION WAS FIRM. UNLESS A COUNTRY ADHERED TO THE NPT OR ACCEPTED FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS, THEY WOULDN'T SUPPLY FUEL. THEY WERE CONCERNED NOT TO BE UPSTAGED BY THE U.S., HOWEVER, SHOULD

THE U.S. SHIP FUEL TO STATES TO WHICH CANADA WAS DENYING IT.

4. JAMIESON SAID THAT ONE QUESTION WHICH HAD BEEN ASKED OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE CONCERNED SAFEGUARDS IN TRANSIT; AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.S. WERE ADEQUATE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. AND CANADA EXAMINE THIS. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THEY SHOULD DO SO.

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5. THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. FACED A TOUGH DECISION ON INDIA. COOPER SAID THAT UNLESS THE U.S. SUPPLIED FUEL TO THE INDIAN REACTOR IN QUESTION, IT WOULD HAVE TO CEASE OPERATING BY THE END OF AUGUST OR PERHAPS SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY THE USE REMAINING SCRAP. JAIMIESON REPLIED THAT THE REACTOR IN QUESTION WAS CANADIAN SUPPLIED, THAT IT HAD PROVIDED THE WHEREWITHAL FOR THE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, THAT THE CANADIANS HAD IN CONSEQUENCE CUT THEM OFF, AND THAT A U.S. DECISION TO PROVIDE FUEL WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR CANADA UNLESS THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT MADE SOME NEW COMMITMENT. THE SECRETARY PROMISED TO KEEP THE CANADIANS INFORMED.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

1. MR. NUTT INQUIRED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY RECENT PROGRESS ON SALT. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUING EXCHANGES ON THE U.S. AND SOVIET PROPOSALS, WITH AN EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THEM, BUT THAT THERE WAS NO CONCRETE PROGRESS TO DATE. HE FELT HOWEVER THAT WITH PERSISTENCE, A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOUND. THE U.S. WAS NOT OPERATING UNDER A DEADLINE, AND IF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT RAN OUT, IT COULD BE EXTENDED OR THEY COULD PROCEED AS IF IT WERE EXTENDED.

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2. JAMIESON ASKED IF THE CSCE MEETING IN BELGRADE CAME AT AN INOPPORTUNE TIME WITH RESPECT TO SALT. THE SECRETARY THOUGHT NOT. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET SOVIETS HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THE U.S. /WAS NOT SEEKING POLEMICS, BUT RATHER A GENUINE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THREE BASKETS.

3. JAMIESON ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARIES SPEECH IN GEORGIA REPRESENTED THE DEFINITIVE U.S. APPROACH ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT DID. IN THE SPEECH HE HAD BROADENED THE DEFINITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRIED TO LAY DOWN THE KINDS OF CRITERIA THE U.S. WOULD BE USING.

CIEC

1. JAMIESON SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT YET FORMULATED A PACKAGE TO BE PRESENTED AT CIEC. COOPER REPLIED THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, HE HAD BRIEFED THE G-8 ON THE ELEMENTS OF A U.S. PACKAGE. AT THE TIME HE THE ELEMENTS. MORE RECENTLY HOWEVER THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED THE PACKAGE EXCEPT THE DOUBLING OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE THOUGHT THIS HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE G-8 AND WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT IT HAD NOT.

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2. JAMIESON ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE E.C. COOPER SAID THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE. THE E.C. WANTED TO STATE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON FUND, THE U.S. WANTED TO STATE THAT IT WAS READY TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON A COMMON FUND, WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE OUTCOME. JAMIESON SAID THAT CANADA WAS READY TO AGREE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF A COMMON FUND, BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS MUST GO FORWARD.

3. HARTMAN SAID THAT THE U.S. ALSO HAD A DIFFERENCE WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THEIR SPECIAL ACTION FUND. THE SEC-

RETARY SAID THAT WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE TO GET THROUGH THE CONGRESS A PROPOSAL THAT THESE FUNDS BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. JAMIESON SAID THAT CANADA HAS CONCLUDED THAT SYMETRY WAS NOT A NECESSARY ELEMENT TO THE G-8 APPROACH TO CIEC. CANADA MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THINGS, DEBT RELIEF, FOR INSTANCE, WHICH THE U.S. COULD NOT, AND VICE VERSA.

5. JAMIESON ASKED WHETHER THE SECRETARY, IN HIS TALKS WITH OPEC LEADERS, WOULD MAKE A CONNECTION BETWEEN PROGRESS OF CIEC AND QUESTION OF OIL PRICES. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE SAUDIS HAD ALREADY MADE THE CONNECTION, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE THE POINT IN HIS TALKS IN TEHERAN, AND WITH PRICE FAHD LATER IN MAY. COOPER SAID THAT IN RECENT TALKS WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS, THE U.S. HAD SAID THAT ITS PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR THE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS TO FALL BACK TO THE CURRENT SAUDI PRICE, BUT THAT AT LEAST IT WAS HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO INCREASE. UNFORTUNATELY THE SAUDIS WERE NOT IN FULL CONTROL.

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (T E X T)

1. JAMIESON SAID THAT THE CANADIANS WERE MOVING AHEAD WITHOUT NOTICE OF ABROGATION OF THE TREATY. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MOVE QUICKLY, HOWEVER. EACH WEEK THEY WAIT NOW WITHOUT NOTIFICATION OF ABROGATION WAS A WEEK LONGER AT THE OTHER END.

EXTRATERRITORIALITY

JAMIESON SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT TALKS WERE MOVING AHEAD ON EXTRATERRITORIALITY AND WELCOMED THE VISIT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

MEXICO

JAMIESON SAID THAT ON HIS VISIT TO MEXICO, HE HAD FOUND MUCH AMBIVALENCE ABOUT THE U.S. PORTILLO WAS CRITICAL OF THE IMF AND OF THE U.S. ROLE IN THE IMF'S ATTITUDE TOWARD LOANS TO PROMOTE MEXICAN OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLOITATION.

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JAMIESON SAID THAT HE FELT THAT CANADA WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN AID FUND FOR RHODESIANS, SHOULD ONE BE ESTABLISHED, BUT HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN ANY PEACEKEEPING EXERCISE. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT SHOULD SOME PEACEKEEPING FORCE BE DESIRABLE, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A COMMONWEALTH FORCE. JAMIESON SAID THAT CANADA MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE.

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